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PLAN TO REFORMS IN BHUJ
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the earthquake devastation in Bhuj and other parts of the country this year, joining the list of calamities caused by recent drought in five States, has derailed Governments plans for kicking off second generation reforms and rationalising the subsidies;

(b) if so, the what extent;

(c) whether the Government have approached the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank in this regards; and

(d) if so, the request made by the Government to them and their response thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Any repercussion on the Indian economy due to the earthquake in Gujarat and drought in some States can be absorbed by the economy.

(c) & (d): The Governmenthas requested the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank to consider providing assistance for undertaking rehabilitation and reconstruction work in the wake of the earthquake in Gujarat. Government of India has already negotiated US $ 400 million for Gujarat Emergency EarthquakeReconstruction Programme from the World Bank.Assistance from the World Bank could increase, after a detailed appraisal of the State`s requirement is carried out by the Bank. Government of India is also negotiating with Asian Development Bank for a loan of US $ 500 million for the above programme.